

Regular Meeting

**ARTS & HUMANITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
510 E. FLORENCE BOULEVARD, CASA GRANDE, AZ 85122
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015**

A. Call to Order:

Vice-Chairman Packard called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

The following members were present:

Seprina Packard
Jeanette Rhodes
Gloria Smith
Stacey Seaman

The following members were excused:

Debbie Benitez
Jonathan Voyce
Erica Herman

Also present:

Remilie S. Miller	City Clerk
Anna M. Valenzuela	Deputy City Clerk
Heather Krivinchuk	Teacher, Palo Verde Elementary School
Kasey Burns	Teacher, Palo Verde Elementary School
Debbie Johns	Principal, Evergreen School
Veronica Tewksbury	PTO President, Evergreen School
Lorena Ordaz	Teacher, Evergreen School
Shelly May	Teacher, Evergreen School

B. Minutes:

Member Smith moved to approve the minutes of November 4, 2015. Member Seaman seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Commission to discuss New Business Item E.1 at this time, and then proceed with regular sequence of the Agenda.

E. New Business:

**E.1 Review of 2nd Round 2015/2016 Applications/Proposals for
City of Casa Grande Arts & Humanities Commission
Educational Partners Program Mini-Grant and
Consider the Award of Mini Grant Funds for Casa Grande Schools**

City Clerk Miller reported that nine (9) proposals were received for the City of Casa Grande Arts & Humanities Commission Educational Partners Program Mini Grant 2nd Round, and they are as follows:

#	Applicant	Subject & # of Students	Project Title & Dates	Funding Purpose	Amount Requested FY 2015/16
1.	Heather Krivinchuk & Kasey Burns 40 N. Roosevelt Avenue Casa Grande, AZ 85122 (520) 421-1650 heather.krivinchuk@cgelem.k12.az.us kasey.burns@cgelem.k12.az.us	Native American Art 500 (School-wide)	Sand Painting: A Native American Tradition and Art Form Feb 8-12, 2016	Project supplies that will enable students to create sand paintings.	\$257.81
2.	Erica Herman 300 W. McMurray Blvd. Casa Grande, AZ 85122 (520) 510-8238 erica.herman@cgeds.k12.az.us	480 Art	Tons of Texture! Dec 2015 & Apr 2016	Project supplies that will enable students to create Artwork with texture.	\$490.75
3.	Denia Welch 1500 N. Colorado Street Casa Grande, AZ 85122 (520) 836-5086 denia.welch@cgelem.k12.az.us	23 Art, Science, Health	Let the sun pave the way to a healthier you. Mar 28 - May 5, 2016.	Project supplies that will enrich and strengthen students' scientific method skills.	\$150.00
4.	Lisa Nedom & Veronica Tewksbury 1000 N. Amarillo Street Casa Grande, AZ 85122 (520) 709-9156 (602) 291-9316 evergreenptocasagrande@outlook.com	260 Math Accelerated Learning Star Math	Renaissance Learning Math. Jan 4- May 18, 2016	Purchase of Renaissance Learning Math Program.	\$1,882.66

5.	Erin Amaya & Veronica Tewksbury 1000 N. Amarillo Street Casa Grande, AZ 85122 (520) 709-9156 (602) 291-9316 evergreenptocasagrande@outlook.com	60 Holiday Art Appreciation Project	Gift for Parents Dec 16, 2015	Project supplies to make Holiday Gift for Parents.	\$336.60
6.	Lorena Ordaz & Veronica Tewksbury 1000 N. Amarillo Street Casa Grande, AZ 85122 (520) 709-9156 (602) 291-9316 evergreenptocasagrande@outlook.com	250 Math, Reading, Science	iPads for Title One Jan. 4, 2016 – May 18, 2016	Purchase 12 iPads for Title One Program	\$3,144.39
7.	Veronica Tewksbury 1000 N. Amarillo Street Casa Grande, AZ 85122 (520) 709-9156 (602) 291-9316 evergreenptocasagrande@outlook.com	500 Music/Band after school	Music at Evergreen Jan 4 – May 18, 2016	Purchase used musical instruments ((7)=Vito Clarinet, Selmer Clarinet, Armstrong Flute, Selmer Flute, Bach Trumpet, Buescher Alto-Sax, Selmer Alto-Sax)	\$3,742.54
8.	Shelly May & Debbie Johns 1000 N. Amarillo Street Casa Grande, AZ 85122 (520) 709-9156 (520) 836-6694 evergreenptocasagrande@outlook.com	500 Humanities	Holiday Book Give Away Dec 17 - 18, 2015	Purchase books from Scholastic Books that are focused in Arts and Science	\$548.94
9.	Janelle Degn 1667 N. Kadota Avenue Casa Grande, AZ 85122\ (520) 836-5601 Janelle.degn@cgelem.k12.az.us	100 Reading Intervention	Promoting Cultural Experiences through Literacy Jan 4, 2016- Ongoing annually.	Purchase of Audio Equipment for a Listening Center	\$352.00
	Total students to benefit from project:	2,673		Total:	\$10,905.69

The total amount requested from the nine (9) applications is \$10,905.69. The \$10,000.00 funding is provided by Prop 202 from Gila River Indian Community and available for the FY2015-2016 Mini Grant Program, the remaining balance from the 1st Round is \$3,146.38.

City Clerk Miller conveyed that the 2nd Round Mini-Grant was advertised on October 9, 2015. Submittal deadline was November 19, 2015. Nine (9) applications were received for the 2nd Round.

City Clerk Miller conveyed that for the benefit of the audience members, there is currently a balance of \$3,146.38 left from the 1st Round. Further, City Clerk Miller explained that Tohono O'odham informed the Casa Grande Arts and Humanities Commission that they are awarding a grant of \$10,000 through the Prop 202 funding to the FY2015/16 Commission's Mini Grant Program. As of today's date, she has not received the check. City Clerk Miller cautioned that worst case scenario, would be that Tohono O'odham Nation decides not to award the funds.

City Clerk Miller conveyed that since the money from the Tohono O'odham Nation has not been received, the Commission can look at the amount requested from the applicants, and the timing of their projects that will be completed in 2015. The Commission should consider awarding funds for the 2nd Round utilizing the remaining balance of \$3,146.38 from the for Gila River Indian Community's funds.

Further, City Clerk Miller conveyed that once the Commission receives the funds from Tohono O'odham Nation, the Commission can meet for a Special Meeting to review those proposals that were not awarded.

City Clerk Miller conveyed that the Commission can listen to the presentations tonight, and discuss each proposal. Further, City Clerk Miller explained that the schedule is created in order to give the teachers time to plan and prepare their proposals. The schedules are set up for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Rounds based upon the availability of funds.

City Clerk Miller conveyed that she invited via email the teachers who submitted proposals to attend the meeting tonight to support and/or answer, if any, questions from the Commission.

Vice-Chairman Packard called to the lectern those teachers in attendance in numerical order from the list of applicants for the 2nd Round FY2015-2016 Educational Partners Program Mini-Grant.

Heather Krivinchuk and Kasey Burns conveyed that they are teachers from Palo Verde Elementary School. Ms. Krivinchuk and Ms. Burns reported that they were proposing sand painting the week of February 8, through 12, 2016. The timing of the sand painting coincides with the O'odham Tash events that will be held at the City of Casa Grande.

Ms. Krivinchuk and Ms. Burns explained that each grade level will be reporting on different Native American Regions, and the paintings will be on display at Evergreen School. Further, the sand painting project (Item Number 1 on the applicant list) will be introduced school wide. The teachers will teach the background and traditions of sand painting. Each student will create their own sand paintings. The project amount requested is \$257.81.

Veronica Tewksbury relayed that she is the President of Evergreen Elementary School, Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Further Ms. Tewksbury relayed that Evergreen School submitted a total of five (5) grants applications for consideration as listed on proposals numbered 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

Ms. Tewksbury conveyed that Ms. Amaya, a Kindergarten Teacher at Evergreen School was not able to attend. Ms. Tewksbury described the proposal to the commission. The Holiday Art Project would allow the Kindergarten students to create a Holiday gift for their parents for Christmas.

In response to City Clerk Miller, Ms. Tewksbury conveyed that the PTO would fund the project with a smaller budget, should the Arts and Humanities Commission opt not to fund their project.

Debbie Johns, Principal from Evergreen Elementary School explained that the goal for their fund request of \$548.94 is to purchase books from Scholastic Books focusing on Art & Science. They would like to have every student go home with a book to read over Christmas break. The project is "Holiday Book Giveaway" to be held on December 17 & 18, 2015.

Ms. Johns conveyed that many of the students at Evergreen Elementary come from families who do not have a lot of money and cannot afford to buy books for their children.

Ms. Tewksbury announced that if they are awarded the grant, the Casa Grande Police and Fire Departments have agreed to assist handing out the books to the children. Further, if the grant is not awarded, the PTO would provide the books to the students, but would need to purchase much lower priced books.

Ms. Lisa Nedom, teacher from Evergreen Elementary School introduced the Renaissance Learning Math program. Ms. Nedom explained the program allows students to learn Math at their own pace. The total project is \$1,882.66 for the purchase of the Renaissance Learning Math Program.

Ms. Tewksbury explained that all students learn differently and believes this program would help their students who are struggling with Math.

Lorena Ordaz, Academic Coach and Title 1 teacher from Evergreen School, conveyed that they would be happy if the Commission chooses to grant award funding for two (2) iPads. The students would be able to use the iPads in their classroom at their desks and it will assist them with Math and Reading. The proposal is to purchase twelve (12) iPads for \$3,144.39.

Ms. Tewksbury spoke on behalf of Ms. Reagan, the music teacher from Evergreen School. Ms. Tewksbury relayed that the school would like to purchase used instruments from De-No Music, a local vendor. The goal would be for every class to have music once a week. Evergreen currently has a band program for 5th Graders only. The instruments would be for those students who would like to participate in band after school.

Member Seaman conveyed that the school could get better, brand new, student model instruments for less than the quotes provided on their grant request. Member Seaman further relayed that 5th Grade students do not need name brand instruments; there are better suited brand new instruments available for a much lower price.

In response to Member Rhodes, Ms. Johns conveyed that Evergreen school does not currently own any instruments.

In response to Member Seaman, Ms. Tewksbury conveyed that the PTO allows teachers to be reimbursed up to \$100 in the event an instrument needs to be repaired. If the repairs are more than \$100, the PTO would raise money for the repair of the instruments.

In response to City Clerk Miller, Ms. Tewksbury responded that the PTO would not be able to buy instruments if they were not awarded the grant today.

Member Seaman expressed her concerns on the 2nd Round Mini-Grant, from proposal numbers 4, 6, 8, & 9. Some of the grant requests did not appear to have projects incorporating Art.

City Clerk Miller conveyed that the goal of the Commission was to support Visual and Performing Arts.

Further, City Clerk Miller explained that the funding proposal to Gila River Indian Community satisfied their goal of "Education".

Member Seaman conveyed that since she has been on the Commission, they have not supported anything that was not Art related. Member Seaman referred to requirement #3 of the Mini-Grant application and indicated that the request for funding of applicants 4, 6, 8, & 9 did not properly answer *"How will this project enrich the student's concepts of Arts & Humanities? What are your anticipated outcomes?"*

City Clerk Miller suggested the following options to the Commission:

- a) Conduct a Special Meeting to complete the awarding of the grant funds until after receipt of \$10,000 from Tohono O'odham Nation.
- b) The Commission can opt to have the applicants re-write their grants and re-submit them for the next round.
- c) Proceed to utilize the Gila River Indian Community funding balance of \$3,146.38 to award the grants tonight.

The Commission reviewed all nine (9) proposals. The Commission carefully considered each application and proposals to fund the proposals for the following:

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	Total students to benefit from project:	1,563		Total:	\$3,146.38

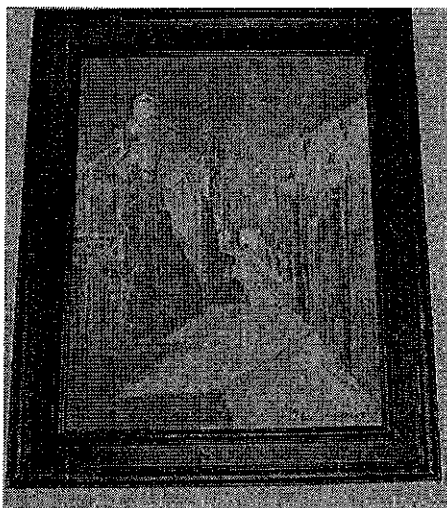
Vice-Chairman Packard moved to approve award for the FY 2015-2016 2nd Round Mini-Grant funding to five (5) proposals (applicant numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, & 7) in the amount of \$3,146.38. Member Smith seconded the motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

It was the consensus of the Commission for Applicants 4, 6, 8, & 9 to re-submit their grant requests incorporating “Art” with the project proposal for the next round Mini-Grant review.

C. Reports:

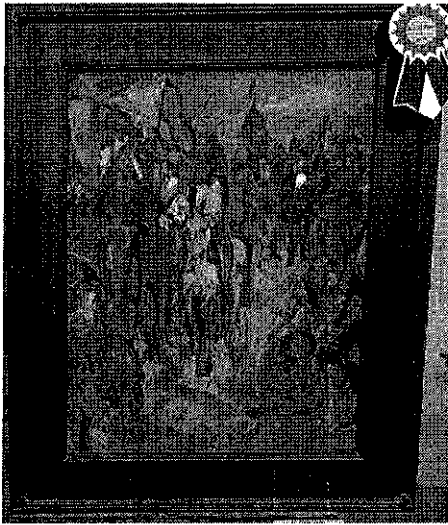
C.1 Report of Fundraising Sale/Auction of Prize-Winning Plein Air Paintings

City Clerk Miller reported that three (3) Prize Winning Paintings sold at the silent auction held at the Mayor’s Annual Event on November 18, 2015, and they are as follows:



<u>Title</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Sold</u>
Art in the Alley	Chuck Prudhomme Coolidge, AZ	175.00

<u>Title</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Sold</u>
Horse	Elaine Kinser Coolidge, AZ	\$50.00



<u>Title</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Sold</u>
The Tohono O'odham Parade	Cynthia Rosen-Malter Scottsdale, AZ	\$175.00

A total of \$400.00 will be deposited to the Community Art Fund (110-12-100-102-4801-10000)

D. Unfinished Business

D.1 Discussion on the Commission's 5th Annual Plein Air Painting Event Scheduled for February 13, 2016

It was the consensus of the Commission to table this item to the Special Meeting of December 16, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

**D.2 Review and Discussion on the Commission's
2016 Annual Ten Minute Play Contest**

It was the consensus of the Commission to table this item to the Special Meeting of December 16, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

E. New Business:

**E.2 Review and Discussion Regarding Nominations Received for the
2015 Commission's Bravo Award Program**

It was the consensus of the Commission to table this item to the Special Meeting of December 16, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

F. Public Comments:

Vice-Chairman Packard called for public comments.

Member Rhodes suggested having a Commission Holiday get together, date to be determined.

Deputy City Clerk Valenzuela will e-mail all the Members asking for feedback.

G. Adjournment:

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:34 p.m.



Seprina Packard
Vice-Chairman